



State of Arizona
Department of Education

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**THE GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
(GED) TEST**

- 1. Title of State Credential – ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMA**
- 2. Eligibility for Testing** – The applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age and have not received a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma.
- 3. Testing Costs**--The applicant must pay the appropriate fee for the full GED battery of five sections. The testing fee and the re-testing fee is determined by the individual testing center.
- 4. Valid Identification**-- The applicant must present two valid forms of identification that need to include the applicant's name, address, signature and date of birth. At least one of these must be an acceptable current photo ID. An individual between sixteen (16) years and eighteen (18) years of age may be tested provided the applicant:
 - A. Presents to the Examiner a signed, notarized statement of test consent from a parent or legal guardian.
 - B. Presents verification from the last school attended, certifying that the applicant has been formally withdrawn from school or is not currently enrolled in any school.
 - C. Presents two (2) forms of identification:
 - a. A valid identification which includes a photo (i.e. State Issued ID/Driver's License)
 - b. A proof of age document (i.e. birth certificate, passport, etc.)
- 5. Tests** – The GED Test can be administered in English, Spanish or French. Provisions can be made for Special Accommodations, i.e. Audiocassette version, extended time, private room, etc. for anyone who may be Learning Disabled or Physically Disabled. Applications for accommodations must be obtained from the official testing center.
- 6. Requirements for Testing** –Applicants must COMPLETE and PASS all five sections of the GED test battery in English, Spanish or French within 36 months from the date the first section is administered.
- 7. Official Testing Centers**—An official GED Test can only be administered at an Official Testing Center. GED applicants must take all sections of the GED test at the same testing center unless the State GED Testing Office grants a waiver on behalf of the applicant.
- 8. Retesting**—After a 30-day waiting period, the printed English edition of the GED test must be administered using a different form. Retesting may be permitted on the entire battery or the individual sections in the

battery. There shall be no limit on the number of retests allowed, however, the availability of alternate test forms may limit the number of possible retests in a calendar year (Jan.-Dec.).

Candidates whose previous scores qualified them for the high school credential in their state or local school district are not permitted to retest unless a higher score is required for admission to post-secondary education, training, or to meet employment requirements. Documentation is required.

Use of different test forms in retesting with Spanish, French, audiocassette, large print, or Braille will depend on their availability from the GED Testing Service.

9. Score Requirements – Passing scores on the GED Test for the purpose of receiving an Arizona High School Equivalency Diploma are:

- A. A minimum standard score of 410 is required to pass individual sections **and**
- B. An average score in all five sections of 450 **and**
- C. A cumulative total of 2250 for all sections.

10. Residency Requirements – No residency is required, provided the student takes at least one test in Arizona, and/or has attended an Arizona High School prior to entering any military service.

11. Diplomas and Official Transcripts--Only the Arizona State Department of Education issues the Arizona GED High School Equivalency Diploma. This diploma is issued based on the results of having taken and successfully passed the official GED Test.

12. Transcript Fees:

The **first** official GED Transcript and Diploma for successful candidates is free of charge.

- 1. Additional official transcripts - \$10.00 each.
- 2. Additional official transcripts of examination results may be obtained by writing to the address listed below.
- 3. The transcript request form can be downloaded from www.ade.az.gov/adult-ed
- 4. **Duplicate diplomas are not issued.**

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